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Letter dated 26 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva and head of the Senegalese delegation to the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council has the honour to request you to circulate as a document of the Council the enclosed statement made by the President of the Republic of Senegal, H.E. Mr. Abdou Diouf, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, concerning the state of emergency declared by the authorities of South Africa.

(Signed) Alioune SENE
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Annex

STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SOUTH AFRICA MADE ON 24 JULY 1985 BY MR. ABDOU DIOUF, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

The segregationist South African Government, increasingly helpless in the face of the scope and persistence of the resistance of our black brothers to its apartheid policy, has just declared a state of emergency.

Thus, the security forces, left to themselves, are acting in the most arbitrary manner, oppressing, arresting and assassinating people who claim nothing but their most elementary rights as human beings. All Africa calls the international community to witness and confront it with its responsibilities.

It demands specifically from those who have lived through and fought so courageously against nazism, in the interest of all mankind, to remember, act and above all take the appropriate sanctions, in particular economic, so that apartheid will meet the same fate as its evil predecessor.

I launch an appeal to public opinion and above all to the Governments of those countries to which the Charter of the United Nations entrusts a primary responsibility for the establishment of peace in the world.

Do not let the South African Government and its accomplices deceive themselves. As long as apartheid is not totally eliminated, that country and, moreover, our planet will never know real peace.

Africa, through me, reaffirms its active solidarity with our brothers of ANC and PAC in their just struggle and reiterates its determination to apply the measures which it has just adopted at Addis Ababa for the total eradication of this shame of our century, apartheid.